

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004. In the Office Action, restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-11 drawn to a method of limiting a paced heart rate;
- II. Claims 12-21 drawn to a pace rate limiter; and
- III. Claims 22-26 drawn to a method for calculating a maximum pacing rate.

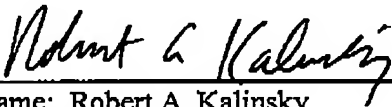
Applicants respectfully elect Group I including claims 1-10 for examination.

Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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